

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with **Robert Curcio** on November 9, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 5, after "2003," the phrase -- now US Patent No. 7,296,691—has been added.

On page 1, line 7, after "2002," the phrase -- now US Patent No. 6,835,311—has been added.

CLAIMS

In claim 11, line 6, the word "comprises" has been changed to – are selected from the group consisting of--.

In claim 17, line 2, the word "comprises" has been changed to – is selected from the group consisting of--.

In claim 19, line 62 the word "comprises" has been changed to – is selected from the group consisting of--.

In claim 20, line 14, the phrase “paper since” has been replaced by –paper; wherein--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: applicants' arguments filed on October 22, 2009 are convincing. The prior art does not teach nor suggest a paper as it is now claimed, i.e. the prior does not teach nor suggest, *inter alia*, the entrapment of the microbial interception agent in the fibrous sheet, wherein said interception agent is precipitated on the fibers or on the recited active agents, i.e., the microbial interception agent resides either on at least part of the fibers or at least part of the active agents.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to José A. Fortuna whose telephone number is 571-272-1188. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven P. Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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